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It is requested that the enclosed reference(s) listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

Also enclosed for the Examiner's consideration are copies of applicants co-pending applications, all filed January 20, 2000, namely 09/488,416 (Attorney Docket 9982-17/1067US); 09/488,623 (Attorney Docket 9982-15/1065US); and 09/488,633 (Attorney Docket 9982-16/1066US).

Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the enclosed reference(s) are respectfully requested.

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